

Proclamation Tresented to Frank De Lima

WHEREAS, Frank De Lima is one of Hawai'i's most popular and beloved comedians; for more than 30 years, Frank De Lima has been entertaining local residents and tourists with his creativity, spontaneity and humor; and

WHEREAS, Frank De Lima, along with this musical sidekick duo of David Kauahikaua and Bobby Nishida, has headlined nightclubs, performed at sold-out concerts and events throughout Hawai'i and along the West Coast, and produced numerous audio and visual works; Frank De Lima's catalog includes three videos and 13 comedy albums -- eleven of which have won the coveted Na Hoku Hanohano Award; and

WHEREAS, Frank De Lima personifies Hawai'i's diverse ethnicities and cultures; his ethnic background, which is self-described as "veritable Portuguese Soup" and "Chop Suey Nation," consists of Portuguese, Hawaiian, Irish, Chinese, English, Spanish and Scottish; Frank De Lima celebrates, not disregards, ethnic differences and integrates them into his comedic routines; and

WHEREAS, Frank De Lima sensed a greater call to serve our State; in 1980, Frank De Lima founded the Frank De Lima Student Enrichment Program, a non-profit organization devoted to helping Hawai'i's students understand the importance of reading, studying and laughing; and

WHEREAS, Frank De Lima has received notable honors for his work in our local communities including Governor Cayetano's Kilohana Award for Volunteer of the Year and the Ellison S. Onizuka Memorial Award from the National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Frank De Lima will be honored by the St. Francis Healthcare Foundation of Hawaii at "Cirque De Lima: A Tribute to Joy, Laughter, and Frank De Lima" for his comedic and charitable contributions on August 25, 2011 at the Ala Moana Hotel;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and i, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 25, 2011 as

"FRANK DE LIMA DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in commending Frank De Lima for his comedic and charitable contributions to our local communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of July, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i